

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE - Indiana’s largest state operated property!

Patoka Lake Interpretive Services presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year. Take a close-up look at amazing animals! Join the naturalist for a hike! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids’ activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information. Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time
Visit our website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/

July 2008 Activities

Wednesday, July 2nd

2p.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ With stories and a short hike through the old road known as “The Narrys”, enjoy the history of the Hall Ridge and Patoka Lake area of Orange County. Take a look at the rich heritage as we share the written memoirs of Mr. Fred Dillard. **vc**

Thursday, July 3rd

2p.m. **Beautiful Bats** ~ Find out why bats are arguably the most misunderstood, yet beneficial mammals. **vc**

Friday, July 4th Independence Day

10a.m. - 2p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and see what raptors are all about. **vc**



10a.m. **Owls & Hawks, Oh My!** ~ With a close-up look at Patoka’s resident raptors, learn about birds of prey. Why do they live in captivity? What do they eat? How much do they weigh? **vc**

2p.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, feathers, fins or fangs? What amazing features does our special guest from nature possess? Enjoy sidewalk chalk art as you create your own special critters. **vc**

9p.m. **Night Hike** ~ Meet at the Modern Campgrounds Center Shelterhouse for this short hike. Let’s explore how nocturnal creatures use their five senses to survive in their environment. **ccs**

Saturday, July 5th

9a.m. **Lografting the Patoka River** ~ With slides and stories, hear the fascinating history of the Patoka River. Discover how logs were floated down river to Jasper. **vc**

10a.m. **Dam Tower Tour** ~ Travel by car caravan to the Patoka U. S. Army Corps of Engineers dam for a tower tour and water safety program. Learn the fascinating facts of flood control and reservoir management. **vc**

1p.m. **Bald Eagles** ~ Take a look at the wild world of bald eagles. July is the season for young bald eagles to leave the nest. **vc**

Sunday, July 6th

10a.m. **“Who Cooks for You?”** ~ Take a close-up look at Patoka’s resident barred owl. Learn about this hunter of the night, where they live and what they eat. **vc**

2p.m. **Animal Tracks & Signs** ~ Who was here? We may not see the animal, but sometimes we can tell who was here by the signs they leave. Come and enjoy making plaster casts of animal tracks. **vc**

Thursday, July 10th

2p.m. **Garden Rock Loop Hike** ~ How did the trail get it’s name? Who were the first settlers? Take a short walk with the naturalist and find out. **vc**

Friday, July 11th

2p.m. **Nature Flick** ~ With snacks provided, enjoy a nature video about the creatures around us. **vc**

Saturday, July 12th

10a.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ With stories and a short hike through the old road known as “The Narrys”, enjoy the history of the Hall Ridge and Patoka Lake area of Orange County. Take a look at the rich heritage as we share the written memoirs of Mr. Fred Dillard. **vc**

1-3p.m. **ShutterBUG** ~ Bring your camera and join in this workshop for beginning photographers. Area photographer & artist Harold Brown will share tips and tricks regarding composition, lighting, and computer enhancing. Improve your digital camera skills. There is no fee for this program. **vc**



Sunday, July 13th

10a.m. **Art in Nature** ~ With a special LIVE subject from the wild world, try your hand at drawing, using a variety of mediums including chalk, pencil and watercolors. Let’s have fun with nature. **vc**

1p.m. **Why RESERVOIRS?** ~ Enjoy a presentation by special guest Steve Hall, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, about the construction of the Patoka dam and why the reservoir was built for flood control and drinking water. Water safety tips will also be provided. **vc**

Wednesday, July 16th

1p.m. **Night Creatures** ~ Nocturnal animals, seldom seen. Why do they only come out at night? Who are they? Join us and find out. **vc**

ArtSpace

Experience art in photography as French Lick photographer, **Harold Brown** shares his sense of home, place, and community. From architecture to local scenery, see the world through the eyes of the artist and his camera. Mr. Brown’s work will be featured through the month of July.

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August 2nd - Star Party
August 9th - Smokey’s Birthday Party

Thursday, July 17th

1p.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ Go for a hike back in time. Were there bear, bison or wolves in this area? How did people live? Discover this and more. **vc**

Friday, July 18th

1p.m. **“Little Men of the Woods”** ~ The Native Americans envied the lodge and dam making abilities of the beaver. Let’s take a look at the adaptations and special features of the world’s largest rodent. **vc**

Saturday, July 19th

10a.m - 2p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and see what raptors are all about. **vc**

10a.m. **Dam Tower Tour** ~ Travel by car caravan to the Patoka U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dam for a tower tour and water safety program. Learn the fascinating facts of flood control and reservoir management. **vc**

Sunday, July 20th

10a.m - 2p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and see what raptors are all about. **vc**

Wednesday, July 23rd

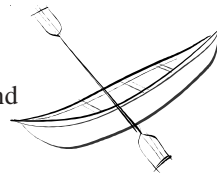
10a.m. **Roving Interpreter** ~ Watch for the naturalist and a special guest at a campsite near you. **vc**

Friday, July 25th

1p.m. **Box Turtles** ~ Take a close-up look at Patoka’s resident box turtle. Learn about the new laws to protect them. **vc**

Saturday, July 26th

1p.m. **Kayak/Canoe Adventure** ~ Join the naturalist at the Osborn Ramp for a fun afternoon looking for eagles, beaver, and other wildlife. Canoes available (while supplies last) or bring your own canoe or kayak. Enjoy the summer season in this afternoon adventure. **vc**



Saturday, July 27th

1p.m. **Why RESERVOIRS?** ~ Enjoy a presentation by special guest Steve Hall, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, about the construction of the Patoka dam and why the reservoir was built for flood control and drinking water. Water safety tips will also be provided. **vc**

Wednesday, July 30th

1p.m. **Threatened and Endangered Species** ~ Meet two of Patoka’s protected species. Discover why they are included. **vc**

Thursday, July 31st

2p.m. **Funtime for Kids** ~ Kids of all ages, join the naturalist at the Modern Campgrounds Center Shelterhouse for fun games and activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **ccs**



BALD EAGLE C52 & REDTAIL HAWK

In addition to the regularly scheduled programs, C52 & Redtail Hawk will be in the Visitor Center backyard viewing area on
July 2nd - 5th, 10th -14th, 22nd, 23rd & 31st.

Stop by the Visitor Center
for your information packet of raptor flight
identification, eagle fact sheet and a map of eagle
viewing areas around Patoka!

For more information regarding donating to the care
of the Patoka resident raptors, please call (812)685-2447
or check out the DNR webpage:**www.in.gov/dnr/c52**

Key for Program Locations:

- vc - Visitor Center
- b - Beach
- ccs - Modern Campground Shelterhouse